


**Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
Meeting Agenda**

 DBHDD	Meeting	IDD Advisory Council (DDAC) Meeting
	Date	Wednesday, April 24, 2024
	Time	10:00 am – 12:00 pm
	Location	WebEx
	Call-in Number	+1-415-655-0002, access code: 2330 602 6787

Topic	Time	Discussion Facilitator
Roll Call, Welcome, and Introduction	10:00 am	Bruce Lindemann, DDAC Chair
Approval of Agenda		Bruce Lindemann, DDAC Chair
Approval Minutes from Previous Quarter		Bruce Lindemann, DDAC Chair
Opening Remarks		Ron Wakefield, DBHDD
Public Comment		Bruce Lindemann, DDAC Chair
Special Presentation		(if a special guest is scheduled)
DBHDD IDD Programmatic Updates		Ron Wakefield, Lori Campbell, Tawanda Scales, Ron Singleton, Robert Bell, Olivia Nickens
Self-Advocate Updates		Council Members
Families and PD Representative Updates		Council Members
Provider Updates		Council Members
New Business		Bruce Lindemann, DDAC Chair
Adjournment	12:00 pm	Bruce Lindemann, DDAC Chair

Attendance (Council Members & Division Staff)	
Bruce Lindemann, DDAC Chair	Ryan Whitmire
Heather Daily, DDAC Vice-chair	Ron Wakefield-DBHDD
Caroline Chandler, DDAC Secretary	Lori Campbell-DBHDD
Riad (Josette) Akhras	Allen Morgan-DBHDD
Gina DiPolito	Jennifer Dunn-DBHDD
June DiPolito	Ashleigh Caseman-DBHDD
Nandi Isaac	Robert Bell-DBHDD
Julie Kable	Jeff Thompson-DBHDD
Twana King	Christine Gudgin-DBHDD
Heidi Moore	Tawanda Scales-DBHDD
Andrea Ford	
Pauline Shaw	
Mira Stallings	
Shanekia Graham	

Attendance

Registered Observers & Public Comment

Deborah Coneway	Clementine Rivers
Rena Harris	Pamela Epps

MEETING NOTES AND REMINDERS

Agenda Topics Proposed by Council & Staff

IDD Work Group-Ron Wakefield

1. Update on follow-up initiatives

Staff Changes-Ron Wakefield

1. Staff Changes at DBHDD

Service Levels-Tawanda Scales

1. How many NOW/COMP waivers have been issued this last fiscal year and plans for next fiscal year starting 7/1? Per Region?

Systems-Ron Singleton

1. New, emerging problems with IDD Connects preventing ISPs from being submitted. Any status from Carelon on resolving the problem? SC Agencies recognize that some providers may soon not be able to bill due to lapsed ISPs, how far in advance of lapsing would DBHDD like for us to alert DBHDD staff? Who should be made aware?
2. System Issues with multiple adult therapy codes in a single day (including speech therapy billing SFT AND SLT - which is approved Medicaid practice). Therapists/vendors need to be paid and in timely fashion.
3. SMS Supplies. Who is responsible for approving supplies list issued by doctor within the DBHDD system? Changes in exclusions of supplies for families? -

Participant Directed Services-Robert Bell/Olivia Nickens

1. Concerns with the implementation of the criminal background checks with fingerprinting for PD employees.
2. Access to fingerprinting services. Who does it?
3. Process improvements for future program rollouts for PD families.

Advisory Council Virtual Meetings for FY2025

- TBD

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